GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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ACCIDENTS ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY - 17
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been a number of accidents on National Highways-17 at Nuvem, Goa;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make travel safe on National Highway No-17;

(c) whether the Government has made any provision of providing ambulance at accident prone zone to transport accident victims to the nearest hospital; and

(d) if so, the details therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): To make travel safer, measures undertaken are: provision of rumble strips, improvement of junctions on cross-roads and improving road signages, besides bypasses at Mapusa, Verna and Santacruz are in operation and bypass at Margao is under construction.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. Ambulance is located at Verna fire-station, 5 Km from Nuvem. The State Government has opened a trauma unit at Goa Medical College, Bambolim, with qualified team of doctors and nurses. The unit is kept open for 24 hours with specialized ambulances on alert all 24 hours with special telephone number.